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Dear Mr. Cox,

With reference to your letter dated May 14, 1941, I forward herewith a x copy of a police report regarding **Izak Markus Kurz.**

Yours sincerely,

x Sent 29/5/41

Assistant Commissioner
(Special Branch)

A. T. Cox, Esq.,
British Consulate-General,
Shanghai.

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CONFIDENTIAL REPORT

SPECIAL BRANCH /Station./ File No. ..... Date May 27th.,1941.

SUBJECT: **IZAK MARKUS KURZ.**

Izak Markus KURZ,Polish of Jewish extraction, married,merchant by calling,was born on October 28th., 1900 at Kalusz,Poland.

In 1922 he left Poland for Germany and resided in that country until 1938 when he left for Paris,France. After a short sojourn in France he went to Tel-Aviv, Palestine and resided there until October 1940 when he left for Shanghai arriving here in November 1940.

He is not in Shanghai at present. He left Shanghai for Kobe on May 25th.,1941 by the s.s." Tayio Maru " and is expected to be back at the begining of next month. He is said to have gone to Japan on a business trip.

His Shanghai's address is at 321/1 Route Duplex.

He is in possession of a Polish passport No. 32584/7063-39 issued by the local Polish Consulate-General on December 18th.,1940.

He is considered to be financially well-off and he has two accounts in U.S. currency in the Chase Bank and in the American Express Company.

There is nothing in the Municipal Police records detrimental to his character.

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BRITISH CONSULATE-GENERAL.
SHANGHAI.

14th May, 1941.

Dear Mr. Sharman,

I should be grateful for any report you could let me have on IZAK MARKUS KURZ, who holds Polish passport 016421 issued at Tel-Aviv, Palestine, on the 28th December 1939. He is registered as a Polish citizen at the Polish Consulate and is, I understand, recommended by Mr. E. P. Betchitch, President of the Association of Yugoslav Residents in China.

In December 1940 he applied to me for a visa for Australia, but his reasons for a visit, and his general unsatisfactory answers, both to me and to Mr. Wootton, the Assistant Australian Government Trade Commissioner were most unsatisfactory, and we both agreed that he could not be given any visa for Australia without prior reference to the Commonwealth authorities.

This same man, Izak Markus Kurz, turned up to-day with a visa for Cuba and asked for a visa for Canada, making no reference to his previous call of a few months ago, and giving a different address in Shanghai. The first address he gave was 65, Route Mayen, and his present address is 321 Route Dupleix.

In accordance with standing instructions I also refused to grant him a visa for Canada and as his general attitude and explanations are still most mysterious I should be grateful for any additional information you can unearth regarding this man.

Yours sincerely,

V. Sharman, Esquire,
Assistant Commissioner,
Shanghai Municipal Police,
SHANGHAI.

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